



# BURT TOWNSHIP BOARD

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## SPECIAL MEETING -- REVISED

Friday, March 20, 2020

Township Office, 1:00 p.m.

We will be meeting electronically – no public

Please see our website or facebook page to review the recommended budget

Please call or email your township officials if you have any questions.

### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call
2. Public Comment: (limit 2 mins. each)
3. Approve Agenda
4. Unfinished Business:
12. New Business:
  - A. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
  - B. Vote on recommendations and actions of the electorate at the Budget hearing if needed. Adoption of the 2020/21 budget.
13. Other
14. Public Comment (limit 2 mins each)
15. Adjournment

Signature of Township Clerk

Date and Time of Posting: March 11, 2019 – 4:00 PM

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72(2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.

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**From:** clerk@burttownship.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 1:43 PM  
**To:** 'Heather Dobberstein'  
**Subject:** FW: Gov. Whitmer Signs Executive Order Allowing Public Bodies to Meet Electronically

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**From:** education@michigantownships.org <education@michigantownships.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:15 PM  
**To:** clerk@burttownship.com  
**Subject:** Gov. Whitmer Signs Executive Order Allowing Public Bodies to Meet Electronically



## **IMMEDIATE ATTENTION: Gov. Whitmer Signs Executive Order Allowing Public Bodies to Meet Electronically**

Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-15 this evening to allow public bodies to temporarily meet electronically until April 15, 2020. MTA has been working with the Whitmer Administration on the necessary changes to the Open Meetings Act, and also wishes to thank our members who responded to MTA's request for information. Please see additional update from MTA tomorrow that will provide further detail and information.

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 18, 2020

Contact: Tiffany Brown, [BrownT56@michigan.gov](mailto:BrownT56@michigan.gov)

## **Gov. Whitmer Signs Executive Order Allowing Public Bodies to Meet Electronically**

**LANSING, Mich.** -- Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-15 to order a temporarily change to the Open Meetings Act to allow public bodies to conduct their meetings electronically, while also facilitating public participation, until April 15, 2020 at 11:59PM.

"We are taking every measure we can to mitigate the spread of coronavirus and protect Michigan families, but recognize that public bodies still have an obligation to conduct business as usual," Whitmer said. "During this crisis, we must ensure that public officials can do their job to meet the needs of residents, while also ensuring that meetings remain open, accessible and transparent to the public."

Under Executive Order 2020-15, public bodies that are subject to the Open Meetings Act, including boards, commissions, committees, subcommittees, authorities, councils, and nonprofit boards, can use telephone- or video- conferencing methods to continue meeting and conducting business during the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health crisis, so long as they follow certain procedures to ensure meaningful access and participation by members of the public body and the general public.

In order to maintain the level of transparency that Governor Whitmer has sought under previous executive actions taken during her first month in office, public bodies must meet the following criteria when holding a public meeting electronically:

- Ensure two-way communication for members and the public to hear and address each other.
- Provide adequate notice to the public of the meeting.
- Post a public meeting notice on their website.
- Permit participants to record or broadcast the public meeting.
- Allow participants to address the public body during a public comment period.

The order also temporarily authorizes public bodies, departments, and agencies to use technology to enable remote participation in public comment and hearings, and temporarily excuses school boards from monthly meeting requirements.

Patients with confirmed infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

The best prevention for viruses, such as influenza, the common cold or COVID-19 is to:

- If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19, call your health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider, call the nearest hospital.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home, and avoid contact with others.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others when in a public setting.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://CDC.gov/Coronavirus).

This press release will be translated and made available in Arabic and Spanish at [www.michigan.gov/whitmerpressreleases](https://www.michigan.gov/whitmerpressreleases).

To view Executive Order 2020-15, click the link below:

- [EO 2020-15 Emergency Order - OMA.pdf](#)

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